

House Bill 557

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to membership in the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide that any
3 person who was serving as a juvenile court judge on July 1, 2004, and who was not a
4 member of any state or local retirement system or pension fund may become a member of
5 the Georgia Judicial Retirement System; to provide that any such person may obtain up to
6 five years of creditable service upon payment of the employer's and employee's contribution
7 with interest; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and
8 automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

10 Article 3 of Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 membership in the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, is amended by inserting at the end
12 thereof the following:
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14 "47-23-50.

15 (a) Any person who on July 1, 2004, was serving as a juvenile court judge and who was
16 not a member of any state or local retirement system or pension fund may make an
17 irrevocable election to become a member of this system. Such election must be made in
18 writing to the board of trustees not later than December 31, 2004.

19 (b) Any member who becomes a member under the provisions of subsection (a) of this
20 Code section may obtain up to five years of creditable service for prior service as a juvenile
21 court judge by paying to the board of trustees the employer and employee contributions
22 that would have been made if he or she had been a member of this retirement system
23 together with interest thereon at the rate of 5 percent, compounded annually, based upon
24 his or her compensation at the time such service was rendered. No service may be used for
25 purposes of this subsection which may also be used for credit in any other public retirement
26 system or pension fund."

